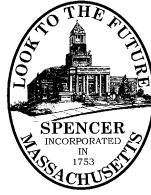


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**Minutes of Meeting held August 7, 2012**

Meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners held at the Water Department, 3 Old Meadow Road, Spencer, MA.

Members present: Francis "Frank" X. White  
Lawrence "Larry" H. Dufault  
Michael "Mike" J. Mercadante

Sewer staff present: Mark Robidoux, Supt  
Debra Graves, Sr. Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

1. Read and accepted minutes for July 10, 2012.
2. Signed monthly commitment for septage fees.
3. Superintendent Mark Robidoux Reports:
  - Monthly Monitoring Report
  - Monthly Operations Report(Reports are on file at the Utilities & Facilities Office)
4. Bixby Road: The owners of Misty Hill Condominiums don't want Bixby Trail Estates flow through their sewer line. They are concerned with sewer backups.
5. Mechanic St.: The property at 24 Mechanic St. had a water break that didn't go into the sewer line. The Sewer Commissioners agree to abate for 2 quarter April & July bringing the usage back to 6500cf. The amount that would be abated is \$836.28. Motion by Mike, seconded by Larry, and in favor, Frank.
6. Cell Phones: Mark would like to do away with the pager and start using cell phones. The Sewer Commissioners would Mark to look into this before making a decision.
7. Postage meter: Discussed having a postage meter in the U&F office. Sewer Commissioners would like us to continue using the postage meter at the Town Hall.
8. Sewer Systems Upgrades: Reviewed the preliminary sewer systems upgrades costs for the Meadow Road Pump Station, emergency plant generator, aeration blowers, clarifier walkway, and wet weather piping.

9. Mark would like to update the equipment in the lab. The cost would be 15% off list price. The Sewer Commission agrees to go ahead with purchasing the equipment.
10. Sewer Commission voted to approve Charles Neveu's, Chief Operator, step raise.
11. Sewer Commissioners reviewed a draft letter for May's Nails, 135 Main Street. They agreed to send the letter.
12. Saint Joseph's Abbey will be starting a brewery and would like to bring the wastewater to the sewer plant. Sewer Commissioners would charge Saint Joseph's Abbey the same fee as for their jelly factory wastewater.
13. Mark told the commissioners that the sewer fees collections were only 22% more from the increase last quarter.
14. Synagro contract is up in November. Sewer Commissioner agrees to go out to bid for 3 years. Mark will check on having options for additional 2 years in a contract.
15. Main Street Reconstruction: Sewer Dept. will video inspect lines not already done and replace non-precast manholes.

Public Meeting Adjourned at 7:10PM, motion by Mike, seconded by Larry, and in favor, Frank.